

## UMCDF reaches 6 million safe hours



The Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (UMCDF) surpassed 6 million work hours without a lost-time accident on Jan. 15, marking nearly three and a half years since a UMCDF employee missed work because of an injury.

This is the first time UMCDF has reached 6 million safe hours, which is the equivalent of 100 employees working 30 years without a lost-time incident. UMCDF has about 830 workers.

"The safety of our employees always comes first," said Bob Dikeman, project general manager for URS, the company that built and operates the UMCDF. "When our employees work safely, it means we are keeping the community and environment safe as well."

The management at UMCDF points to the project's employee-led teams that focus on safety and environmental compliance as a key to reaching this milestone. The project also has been designated a Volunteer Protection Program (VPP) Star site by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). VPP Star status represents the highest safety recognition issued by the federal government. It is OSHA's official recognition of the outstanding efforts of employers and employees who have achieved exemplary occupational safety and health.

The project's stretch without a lost-time accident is all the more remarkable considering the heavy industrial work that's done at UMCDF, Dikeman noted. Normal work assignments include operating cranes (pictured above) and forklifts, welding and electrical work.

## UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 1,293 days, or more than 6 million work hours, since a lost-time accident occurred at the UMCDF (July 7, 2006).

### Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Processing

(Jan. 14 - 20, 2010)

Total number of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed this period	0
Total number of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date	159
Percentage of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date	6.0
Total "recipient" HD ton containers* destroyed this period	0
Total "recipient" HD ton containers* destroyed to date	54
Pounds of HD agent destroyed this period	0
Pounds of HD agent destroyed to date	278,744
Pounds of total agent destroyed to date <i>Includes GB, VX and HD</i>	3,044,926
Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 7, 2004) <i>including non-stockpile GB and VX ton containers</i>	218,136
Nominal tons of chemical agent destroyed to date	1,517.23
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	40.81

*\*Recipient ton containers are byproducts of mustard disposal and were not a part of the original stockpile.*

### UMCD/UMCDF Milestones

- **June 11, 2009:** Began first HD ton container destruction in the Metal Parts Furnace (MPF).
- **June 4, 2009:** First HD ton containers transported from depot storage to disposal plant.
- **Nov. 5, 2008:** Completed VX munitions campaign.
- **Oct. 26, 2007:** Began VX munitions campaign.
- **July 8, 2007:** Completed GB munitions campaign.
- **Sept. 7, 2004:** Began GB munitions campaign.

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